

BECU Grant Proposal
Arbor Heights Elementary School
2011-12

Arbor Heights Elementary School and the Parent Teacher Association are requesting \$2500 in funding for Internet based learning programs.

Study Island and Dream Box are fun Internet based programs that our students have access to this year. Teachers use these programs as learning tools in the classrooms and kids can access them anywhere Internet is available all year long. Through your grant program, we ask that you help us continue to offer these programs to our students.

Recent increased computer test scores can be contributed to our dedicated staff and these supplemental programs:

- Study Island has been purchased by the Arbor Heights PTA for the current school year at \$3436. All 364 of our students in Kindergarten through 5th grade classes have access to this wonderful program. Study Island directly covers all of the subjects in the Washington State standards upon which the state MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) test is based. It presents questions, which are similar to those found in the MSP and MAP tests, and does an excellent job of preparing students to perform well on those tests. Last year, Arbor Heights' students answered over 94,000 questions on Study Island. Our 4th graders made dramatic gains in the state MSP math test last year going from a 29.5% pass rate in 2010 to a whopping 73.0% pass rate in 2011 - beating both district and state averages!
- Dream Box is a math only program that is also available to our students this year. Students and teachers enjoy working with this program. It is the favorite! A grant for this program was given to our new principal, Christy Collins. It is uncertain whether or not this grant will be available for us next year. The cost for this program is \$5000 yearly for all students.

The mission of Arbor Heights Elementary PTA is to "Support the Students, the Families and the Staff of the Arbor Heights Community." Through our many PTA fundraising efforts, we strive to provide academic enrichment programs, capital improvements and supplies for students and the school. A large percentage of our funds are spent on Kindergarten assistants, 5th grade camp, instrumental music and many other long standing basic programs that are not funded through the school district.

Echoing our PTA mission is our goal of supporting our students to do better on computer testing. Washington State's standardized MSP tests are taken yearly on computers starting in Kindergarten. In the past, too many students at Arbor Heights have done poorly on this test. Some were not able to complete testing during their scheduled session because they were not familiar with these types of computer testing systems. We have seen dramatic improvements through the use of these Internet based learning programs. Technology and education have merged, even in elementary school. It is crucial for our students to have access to programs such as Study Island and Dream Box in order to keep up academically.

This \$2500 BECU grant will help secure at least one of these programs for another year. Our PTA will pay the difference in cost. The goal is to raise enough funds to continue to offer both programs. You will be helping contribute to the success of every student at Arbor Heights Elementary School.

Thank you,

Take 2:

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The BECU grant is part of an overall fundraising strategy, and an opportunity for BECU to play a crucial role in the continuation of these programs. We are focusing other PTA funds to replace old computers in the school lab.

The goal is to raise enough funds to continue to offer both Study Island and DreamBox while upgrading our computer equipment. You will be helping contribute to the success of every student at Arbor Heights Elementary School.

Thank you,

Take 3:

Arbor Heights Elementary School and the Parent Teacher Association are requesting \$2500 in funding for an Internet based learning program called Study Island.

Study Island is a great program that our students have access to this year. Teachers use this program as a learning tool in the classrooms and kids can access it anywhere Internet is available all year long.

Recent increased computer test scores can be contributed to our dedicated staff and Study Island. Study Island directly covers all of the subjects in the Washington State standards upon which the state MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) test is based. It presents questions, which are similar to those found in the MSP and MAP tests, and does an excellent job of preparing students to perform well on those tests. Last year, Arbor Heights' students answered over 94,000 questions on Study Island. Our 4th graders made dramatic gains in the state MSP math test going from a 29.5% pass rate in 2010 to a whopping 73.0% pass rate in 2011, beating both district and state averages!

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The BECU grant is part of an overall fundraising strategy, and an opportunity for BECU to play a crucial role in the continuation of this program. Our PTA is focusing on raising funds to replace old computers in the school lab. The goal is to raise enough funds to continue to offer Study Island while upgrading our computer equipment. The total cost for this program for one year is \$3436. We are seeking the \$2500 from BECU to leverage with \$936 of PTA funding to insure the availability of Study Island in the coming academic year. You will be helping contribute to the success of every student at Arbor Heights Elementary School.

Thank you,
Merita Patton
Arbor Heights Elementary PTA

